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SRI K. M. SEETHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Muslims who applied for admission to the Medical College and the Engineering College in the last selection for admission to those colleges;

(*b*) how many of them were selected;

(*c*) how many of the selected Muslim students belonged to backward classes; and

(*d*) the number of Muslim students with first classes who were refused admission to those colleges?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—

	Engineering Colleges.	Medical Colleges.
"(*a*) Number of Muslims who applied for admission during 1952–53	77	70
"(*b*) Number selected	8	13
"(*c*) Number of selected Muslim candidates who belonged to backward classes.	6	5
"(*d*) Number of Muslim students with first classes who were not selected:	4	3"

Travelling medical vans.

* 254 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have provided travelling medical vans with sufficient equipment to go to villages once in a week to give necessary help as recommended by the Harijan Welfare Committee at page 27 of their report; and

(*b*) if so, how many vans have been provided and what are the areas covered up?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI A. RATHINAM:—" May I know, Sir, why the Government have not implemented the recommendation of the Harijan Welfare Committee of 1948?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Medical relief is a necessity for all people. It is not necessary to set apart an amount for this purpose particularly for Harijans only."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" Sir, why is the answer in the negative and not in the affirmative?" (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" Sir, medical relief is necessary for all sections of the population. Hence, medical vans will be

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useful for both Harijans and others. Will the Government, therefore, consider the implementation of this recommendation not only for the benefit of Harijans but of others also, if they are not willing to provide them only for the relief of Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have under consideration the opening of mobile dispensaries."

Prohibition Sub-Inspectors.

* 255 *Q.*—SRI K. UPPI (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi): Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Prohibition Sub-Inspectors trained at the Bellary training school;

(*b*) the number trained at the Madras Prohibition Staff College;

(*c*) the number of Prohibition Sub-Inspectors taken into the regular Police force;

(*d*) the number of Muslims among Sub-Inspectors under (*a*) and (*b*);

(*e*) the number of Muslims under (*a*) and (*b*) qualified to be absorbed in the regular force; and

(*f*) the number of Muslims interviewed for selections and the number taken into the regular force?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) 119 Sub-Inspectors were trained in the Prohibition Training School, Bellary.

" (*b*) The number of Sub-Inspectors trained in the Prohibition Staff College, Madras, was 95.

" (*c*) Sixty-four Prohibition Sub-Inspectors were taken into the regular Police Force.

" (*d*) The number of Muslims among Sub-Inspectors under (*a*) and (*b*) are 15 and 8 respectively.

" (*e*) & (*f*) Three Muslim Sub-Inspectors trained in the Prohibition Training School, Bellary, or Prohibition Staff College, Madras, were found eligible and all of them were interviewed. None of them were selected because better candidates were available for absorption in the Police Force."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, are Muslim Prohibition Sub-Inspectors posted to Malabar district? I want to know whether there is a ban against their being posted there."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Prohibition work is attended to in a number of districts by the ordinary Police. Is it the opinion of the Government that the Prohibition staff should be posted even to those areas where the ordinary Police are now carrying on the Prohibition work? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Notice, Sir."